

FIENDISH CRIME OF OKMULGEE NEGRO

Girl Wife of Farmer Near Sharp Post Office Assaulted By an Unknown Negro.

Okmulgee, Okla., May 20. — While picking vegetables yesterday afternoon in a field near Sharp post office, a hamlet eight miles southwest of here, located in the vicinity of the Tiger Flats oil field, Mrs. Spilling Whitecotton, fifteen years old, was suddenly seized by an unidentified negro, beaten into insensibility and fiendishly assaulted. There were no witnesses to the dastardly act and the negro made good his escape. The locality is remote and the unconscious young woman lay in the field during a heavy shower and was not discovered until Harve Pickering, a farmer, chanced to find her.

He carried her to a house where she was revived and told her story. Pickering at once notified nearby farmers and oil men and a posse was formed immediately. Blood hounds were secured but owing to the fact that the heavy rain had fallen the dogs were unable to take the trail.

The negro's footprints were plainly visible, however, in the soft ground and he was tracked to the vicinity of Wolf's Lake, just across the river from Okmulgee. There the trial was lost and the possemen spread out for a thorough search of the vicinity.

Sheriff Vance and his deputies joined, in the search scouring the Canadian river bottoms.

Word was received from the searchers late last night that the negro is believed to be surrounded in the lowlands near the Canadian river. It is confidently expected that if he is captured he will be lynched on the spot.

The negro was described by Mrs. Whitecotton as being heavy set, wearing blue overalls, a brown coat, black shirt and black hat. This description tallies with that of an unknown negro who was seen in the oil field recently asking for work.

Mrs. Whitecotton is a mere slip of a girl, being fifteen years old, and was married about a month ago. Her husband is sixteen years of age.

While she is suffering from the terrible ordeal, having been beaten into insensibility there is every reason to believe that she will recover.

The entire community is aroused to a white heat and today the posse were augmented by large numbers of men from Okmulgee and from the surrounding community, determined to hunt the negro down and declaring swift retribution when he is captured.

Oklahoma City, Okla., May 20.—The posse was still hunting this morning for the negro, who yesterday near Okmulgee attacked a young white woman. The woman it is believed was not seriously hurt. There is still talk of lynching the negro if caught.

FIRST ENCAMPMENT OF UNITED OKLAHOMA G. A. R.

Muskogee, Okla., May 18.—The nineteenth annual encampment of the G. A. R. of Oklahoma, convened here today, but the occasion marks the first regular state encampment of the veterans owing to the fact that when the G. A. R. of Oklahoma and the G. A. R. of Indian Territory held their encampments in Guthrie last year they amalgamated and hereafter will meet as one body.

The sessions of the G. A. R. will be held in Convention hall, the auditorium of which has been splendidly decorated.

State meetings of the Ladies of the G. A. R. and the Woman's Relief Corps will also be held coincidental with the G. A. R. encampment.

INDIAN AGENT BAKER ARRESTED ON TWO CHARGES

Holdenville, Okla., May 18.—United States District Indian Agent William A. Baker, was arrested in this city yesterday on two charges, one for criminal libel and the second for subornation of perjury. He gave a two hundred dollar bond in the first case and a five hundred dollar in the second.

The arrest grew out of a sale of land by an Indian woman to Jochman, the allegation of the complaints stating that Baker persuaded the Indian to make false affidavit to the effect that she did not make the purported sale.

GOVERNMENT'S ACTION CONDEMNED AT GUTHRIE

Guthrie, Okla., May 19. — The attempt on the part of the federal government to prosecute Governor Haskell and his associates is being severely criticized here. The latest move, that of dismissing a grand jury because they failed to see enough evidence to warrant a true bill, and the summoning of another grand jury in the hope that it will be more bidable is regarded by many as an unwarranted and tyrannical action. Every attempt of this character serves to strengthen the governor's hold upon the affection of the people, and even though the federal government succeeds in finding a jury that will finally do the will of the prosecutors in this matter, there is no fear of an ultimate conviction.

SIXTY-TWO NATIONAL BANKS LESS THAN LAST YEAR

Washington, May 20.—Owing to the Oklahoma deposit guarantee law, which went into effect in February, 1908, there has been a decrease in the state during the year of sixty-seven national banks.

The statement of the 242 national banks, as given by the reports of condition on April 28, 1909, shows a decrease in loans and discounts since the last call, February 5, 1909, of \$635,300, and a decrease in the same item as shown a year ago, May 14, 1909, of \$1,085,890.

Individual deposits show a loss of \$721,973 since the last call, but a gain of \$651,339 over a year ago.

Total resources show a loss of \$3,060,895 since the last call and a loss of \$2,422,356 over a year ago.

CATTLEMEN KILL THREE THOUSAND HEAD OF SHEEP

By Associated Press.

Grand Junction, Colo., May 20.—The sheep camp of Taylor Brothers, near Arches, Colo., was raided by a band of cattlemen yesterday. Three sheep herders were beaten into insensibility. The raiders then killed three thousand head of sheep and fed.

WAGONER SELLS BONDS AT \$2,800 PREMIUM.

Wagoner, Okla., May 20.—The bids were opened Tuesday for the sale of the \$250,000 bond issue of Wagoner county, the proceeds of which are to be expended in the building of bridges, improvement of roads and the erection of a court house and county jail. The bonds will be sold to John Newcom & Co., of Chicago, the best bidders, who offered a premium of \$2,800 for entire issue.

The bonds are to run for twenty and twenty-five years, bearing 4 1/2 per cent interest.

Prosecutions Not Abated.

Guthrie, Okla., May 19.—In an opinion to Labor Commissioner Dougherty, who had submitted affidavits in regard to violations of the tight-hour law before the passage of the new law by the last legislature, Attorney General West holds that prosecutions under the former law were not abated by the passage of the new law. General West holds that the stationary engineers employed at a city water plant or plant controlled by the municipality and the helpers around such plants would be subject to the eight-hour law.

The Central State Normal School.

The fall term of the Central State Normal school will open on September 12, 1909, and will continue thirteen weeks. During the past year, this school has enrolled 1146 students and to May 1st this year 1252. The coming year promises to be even larger. The school has a carefully selected faculty and is well equipped for high grade work in all departments offered in the best normal schools.

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Help Supply Flowers.

The flower committee requests everybody to help in providing flowers for Decoration Day. Please tie the flowers in small bunches and send to the court house on the morning of May 27th, 1909.

There are 1,600 graves in our cemetery and if everyone will bring 15 or 20 bunches of flowers, all the graves can be decorated. Please heed this request.

Vinita Memorial Day Program for May 27

The committee on arrangements and program for Memorial Day, 1909, report the following outline of exercises for observance of the day.

Day of observance, Thursday, May 27th, 1909.

School children assemble at court house at 9:30 o'clock a. m., in charge of superintendent and teachers. Form in line for distribution of flags and march north on Wilson street to Gray's stable, where they take vehicle transportation to cemetery.

Marshals of the day—Sam Ridenhour and Cash Wilkinson.

Procession forms on Wilson street at court house in charge of Marshals at 10 o'clock a. m., in the following order:

Fire department. State militia in charge of Captain Goodpasture.

Wagon of flowers. School children.

Veterans in carriages. Spanish American War Veterans, in carriages.

Civil societies. Citizens in carriages.

March to cemetery north on Wilson street to Tahlequah avenue, east on Tahlequah avenue to Second street, thence to cemetery.

Exercises at cemetery. Assemble at monument to unknown dead.

Prayer—Rev. G. J. Donnell. Address on "Unknown Dead"—O. L. Rider.

Taps. Distribution of flowers by militia, under Captain Goodpasture.

Dispersal for exercises at Auditorium at 2:30 o'clock p. m.

Exercises at Auditorium beginning at 2 o'clock p. m.

Call to order. Music—Song by Vinita Quartette, lead by E. B. Davidson.

Invocation—Rev. J. E. Pershing. Song.

Address—Rev. A. J. Williams, representing Spanish American War Veterans.

Address—Rev. J. M. Cantrell, representing Confederate Veterans.

Recitation—"The Blue and the Gray"—Rose M. Gill.

Address—Rev. Robert E. Church, representing Union Veterans.

Benediction—Rev. D. E. Beatty. Song—"My Country 'Tis of Thee"—Quartette and audience, lead by E. B. Davidson.

IS AROUSED OVER BURNING OF TENT

Adherents of Bulgin And Judge Alexander Engage in Warm Tilt at Meeting.

Okmulgee, Okla., May 20.—Excitement wrought to fever pitch prevails throughout this city over the burning early Tuesday morning of the tent in which have been held the revival services conducted by Rev. E. J. Bulgin.

As a result of the deep feeling aroused by the destruction of the tent, which is attributed to incendiarism, a mass meeting called by the law and order league was held in the opera house yesterday afternoon and funds were raised by popular subscription to make good the loss.

After the money had been raised Rev. Bulgin made a speech in which he roundly denounced County Judge Alexander. Judge Alexander, who was in the audience, immediately replied in like vein declaring that he had heard many things concerning Rev. Bulgin that reflected deeply on the character of the evangelist, but that he had refrained from making them public.

This precipitated a warm discussion participated in by adherents of both factions and the acrimonious wrangling continued for about three hours, finally culminating in an attempt to pass a resolution calling for a grand jury investigation into the official conduct of both Judge Alexander and County Attorney J. S. Eaton, and also calling upon Judge Alexander to resign from office.

During the heated debate Rev. Bulgin charged that Judge Alexander was indirectly responsible for the burning of the revival service tent on the grounds that the judge had permitted the selling of liquor to a man who after becoming intoxicated had fired the tent.

Finally the resolution was adopted calling for an investigation by the grand jury into the official conduct of Judge Alexander and County Attorney Eaton.

Another theory has become current here concerning the burning of the tent, to the effect that four men from Shawnee, where Rev. Bulgin conducted revival services prior to coming here two weeks ago, had been seen in this city for a couple of days before the burning of the tent. It is declared that immediately after the burning of the tent yesterday morning they departed for Holdenville, presumably on their way back to Shawnee, changing cars at Holdenville.

Owing to the destruction of the tabernacle revival services were held tonight simultaneously in the Presbyterian and Christian churches. According to the pre-arranged plans of Rev. Bulgin he will conclude the series of protracted meetings here next Friday evening with a big jubilee and then go to Chickasha to conduct meetings. But in view of the complications engendered by the burning of the big tent yesterday it is possible his plans may be changed to enable him to remain in this community for a longer time.

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., May 18.—President Taft sent to the senate, today, the nomination of Chas. G. Hoag, of Oklahoma, to be receiver of public moneys at Woodward, Okla.

TAYLOR ELECTION LAW TO BE PRINTED

Republican Press Strongly Oppose Any Move to Let People Understand Election Law.

Guthrie, Okla., May 19.—At the earnest solicitation of many prominent republicans and democrats, Leo Meyer, assistant secretary of state, has caused to be printed the Taylor election law amendments and those parts of the old election law that were not repealed.

A silly attack was made upon Mr. Meyer by yesterday morning's State Capital because of this fact. The article in question objects to this because the tax payers must pay the bill. Nothing is of more importance to the tax payer than a knowledge of this and other important laws and it is an imperative duty of Mr. Meyer to let the people know the exact truth in regard to these much discussed amendments. There are within the state of Oklahoma nearly 8,000 election officers who have had no other means of knowing what the law is except the newspaper reports, many of which were entirely misleading.

The secretary of state is the custodian of all laws passed by the legislature, and Mr. Meyer was assuming no authority in compiling the election law for the election officers and tax payers but was merely transacting his sworn duty.

This is the same tactics that was pursued by the State Capital and kindred publications after the constitutional convention in order to discredit the constitution. Every one remembers how the State Capital continually asked the question, "Which constitution are you going to vote upon, the real constitution or the one Cuckie Burr Bill carries in his hip pocket and changes at his will, or the one passed by the convention?" Now they ask, "Which law are you voting upon, the one passed by the legislature or the one being compiled by Secretary Meyer?" Once they said the citizens of the state are being bamboozled by the democrats by being given a spurious copy of the constitution to discuss in which they have eliminated the objectionable points. Now they say the people are being imposed upon by democratic officers by being given a doctored copy of the election law eliminating the objectionable features. The esteemed Capital and all lesser liars are entitled to the same consideration now that they were succeeding the constitutional convention, except that then their reputation for truth and veracity was not quite so utterly annihilated as it now is. The copy of the law, prepared by Mr. Meyer is the law. Democratic officials have never misled the people and do not intend to. This is merely an attempt on the part of the State Capital to try to cover up the lies it has already told.

BELIEVE WALSH HAS STARTED LONG WALK.

By Associated Press.

Kansas City, Mo., May 20.—Sergeant John Walsh, the retired cavalryman, who is walking westward and says he will beat Weston to the Pacific coast could not be located here this morning and it was believed that he had made an early and unannounced start.

KANSAS CITY STOCK MARKET.

Kansas City Stock Yards, May 17.—There was a light run of quarantine cattle here last week and the market made a small net gain for the week, active every day. The condition of the meat trade is satisfactory, consumptive demand is expanding, and the situation is much better than a few weeks ago. Supply of quarantines here today exceeds anybody's expectations, reaching a total of 145 car loads but the market is active, steers steady to 10 lower, cows steady. Three different lots of Oklahoma steers sold at \$6.40 today, others at \$6.25 and \$6.35, and Texas steers brought \$5.65 to \$6.00 for most sales, weights from 1035 to 1220. Some fancy Oklahoma heifers sold at \$6.40 in quarantine division today, plain cows at \$4.70, a string of Texas cows at \$4.25 several car load lots of veal calves from both Texas and Oklahoma at \$5.50 to \$5.50. The good run of quarantines today was sold and weighed up before noon, as demand from buyers is keen for medium priced steers, with which to cheapen up the more expensive weight natives. As a general proposition, feeders are holding on to their unfinished cattle better than a few weeks ago, having gained confidence from the firm undertone which the market continues to exhibit.

The hog run last week was 70,000 head, a decrease of 30,000 head as compared with same week a year ago. The market advanced 10 cents during the week, but prices are 5 to 10 lower today, supply 13,000 head. The bear feature today is a run at Chicago ten thousand head greater than estimates for today. General conditions are favorable to the trade, demand for all kinds of meats heavy, stimulated by the fact that pork is cheaper relatively than either beef or muttons. Heavier receipts later this month and in June may cause some losses in the hog market, but no serious damage can be done to prices until grass cattle and sheep come freely and the only thing that can cheapen these classes of live stock. Top hogs here today \$7.40, bulk of sales \$6.90 to \$7.30.

Sheep and lambs touched the high point last Monday, since when they have been slipping a little, spring lambs off 50 cents, goats 50 to 75 cents lower. Run is 13,000 today. Top fed lambs \$9.00 today, yearlings worth up to \$7.75, wethers \$6.75, ewes \$6.25, spring lambs \$7.50 to \$9.00. Large numbers of goats from the Southwest have been received here lately, fat ones worth \$4.00 to \$4.60, brushers \$3.25 to \$3.75, range muttons from Texas and Arizona \$5.00 to \$6.25.

Kansas City Stock Yards, May 18.—Receipts in the quarantine division here yesterday total 145 loads, steers steady to 10 lower, cows steady. Representative sales were:

Diggers & Hendrix, Chickasha	1128	1336	6.40
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B. F. Freney, Alex.	738	1311	6.35
J. Moore, Alex.	408	1337	6.40
I. H. Harness, Chickasha	858	1327	6.25
M. L. Kennard, Cleburne	838	1220	6.00
J. Gultar, Abelen.	598	1226	6.00
J. Gultar, Abelen	678	1029	5.80
W. Pursley, Rush Springs	248	1116	5.90
W. Pursley, Rush Springs	228	1118	6.00
Cook & Parker, Cement	298	1067	5.90
G. Wilson, Denton.	458	1108	5.90
F. W. Taylor, Brownwood	528	1077	5.90
Kirk, Nowata	31H	782	6.40
Thompson & Co., Coleman	498	1097	5.65
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City Meat Market, Weleetka.	488	1019	5.10
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Sid Jones, Duncan.	30C	827	4.35
Bailey English, Mcenster, Tex.	131C	830	4.25
Riddle & Co., Caddo	20C	621	4.25
Riddle & Co., Caddo	23C	797	4.40
S. W. Jackson Kiowa	64C	172	6.50
Gray & Co. Ft. Worth	85C	171	5.50
A. Hurst, Cleburne.	52C	795	4.25
Hurst Bros. Cleburne	54C	800	4.25
G. W. Whiting, Bells.	41S	1110	5.55

KANSAS EDITOR DROWNED IN LITTLE ARKANSAS.

By Associated Press.

Wichita, Kans., May 18.—Frank A. Capps, formerly editor of the Scott City Herald and associated with Morton Albaugh, in publishing the Saratoga Sun, fell off a pier here, today, while fishing and was drowned in the Little Arkansas river.

MANY GIRLS NARROWLY ESCAPE DEATH IN FIRE.

By Associated Press.

Akron, O., May 18.—A fire today, in a seven story power block, practically destroyed the building and its contents, causing a loss of a million and a half dollars. Several girls, employed in the building had narrow escapes.

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